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**Amendment and Response**

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed on January 22, 2003, has been received and reviewed. In response, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.